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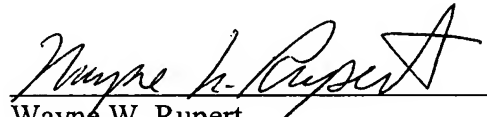
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This responds to the Office action mailed October 6, 2005. A response is due by January 6, 2006. Please amend the referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.